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Docket Item # 4
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BAR Meeting
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ISSUE: Rear fence and gate

APPLICANT: Frederick and Jane Knops by Robert Bentley Adams

LOCATION: 509 South Fairfax Street

ZONE: RM/Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new rear fence and gate for the residential townhouse at 509 South Fairfax Street. The rear fence will run north to south at the rear (west) of the property, a distance of approximately 16'. The brick fence will be approximately 6' in height with 6'8" high piers and will include a wood gate approximately 2'8" in width.

II. HISTORY:

509 ½ South Fairfax Street is a two story wood frame Queen Anne/Second Empire Victorian style, duplex townhouse was constructed between 1891 and 1896 according to the Sanborn Insurance Maps. The front facade is simple but well proportioned, with a rectangular bay/tower capped by a polychrome slate hip turret and Mansard roof.

In 2004 the Board approved a rear two story addition (BAR Case #2004-00156, 8/18/04). Previously, a rear two story addition was approved by the Board on 4/13/1960.

III. ANALYSIS:

Proposed alterations will comply with zoning ordinance requirements conditional upon easement or written agreement to allow fence to encroach onto neighboring private alley.

The proposed new brick wall along the south property line is not visible from the public right-of-way and is therefore not before the Board.

In the opinion of Staff, the proposed brick fence and wood gate are appropriate to the house, the adjoining residences and meet the recommendations for fences in the *Design Guidelines*. It will match the proposed fence at the neighboring house at 509 ½ South Fairfax Street.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

Code Enforcement:

C-1 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).

C-2 Construction permits are required for this project.

Historic Alexandria:

No comments.